Promotion of Grade 'C' Stenographers of the CSSS Cadre

2531. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Grade 'C' stenographers of CSSS cadre of his Ministry who are officiating in Grade 'A' and Grade 'B' on *ad hoc* basis;

(b) the number of eligible Grade 'C' stenographers of his Ministry who are senior to those covered in (a) above but have not still been promoted to Grade 'A' and 'B' (merged);

(c) the reasons for not promoting the senior officials, covered in 'B' above; and

(d) by when the officials covered in (b) above will be promoted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY : (a) there are 22 Grade 'C' stenographers of CSSS cadre of Ministry of Information and Broadcasting officiating on ad-hoc basis in Grade 'A' and 'B' (merged);

(b) there are 8 Grade 'C' stenographers who have subsequently become eligible for promotion and are senior to some of those mentioned in (a) above and have not yet been promoted to Grade 'A' and 'B' (merged);

(c) the 22 Grade 'C' stenographers mentioned in (a) above are officiating in Grade 'A' and 'B' (merged) on ad-hoc basis. At the time of their ad hoc promotion, the eight stenographers Grade 'C' were not eligible for ad hoc promotion as they had not completed 8 years of approved service, required for promotion to Grade 'A' and 'B' (merged);

(d) the officials mentioned in (b) above have become eligible for promotion to Grade 'A' and 'B' (merged) on *ad hoc* basis and the proposal for their promotion is under consideration.

Telecasting News Bulletin in Tamil and Kannada

2532. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Chennai has been telecasting Tamil News on its Doordarshan at 8.30 p.m. instead of Hindi News; and

(b) if so, whether Bangalore Doordarshan has also been allowed to telecast Kannada news bulletin on Bangalore Doordarshan at 8.30 p.m. daily to meet the demand of the Kannada speaking people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARJUN JAITLEY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Doordarshan Kendra, Bangalore is telecasting the national news bulletin in Hindi at 8.30 p.m. Kannada news bulletin is telecast at 7.00 p.m. as in all other regional Doordarshan Kendras.

Procedure for the Tapes Containing Rough Cuts

2533. SHRI B. P. SINGHAL : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that while commissioning a project, the tapes containing rough cuts are supposed to be given back by the Producers to Government;

(b) if so, whether Government will indicate the cost of tapes surrendered after the programmes have been finalized in the past five years, and the cost of tapes not surrendered as per the agreement; and

(c) whether it is a fact that by not enforcing this commitment on the part of Serial Producers a loss of around Rs. One crore per year is caused each year to Doordarshan/Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The tapes containing rough cuts are supposed to be submitted to Doordarshan for preview and returned to the producers with suggested changes, if any. The producer incorporates the changes and returns the final copies including (i) the mixed master (ii) the unmixed master to Doordarshan along with all the shooting tapes. Further, Doordharshan has intimated that all the tapes are surrendered to Doordarshan after completion of the programmes.

(c) Does not arise.